

AMHERST/LA PAZ CENTRO SISTER CITY

Minutes

August 26, 2010

PRESENT: Carol and Paul Baker, Liz Etheridge, Nancy and Chuck Milch, Mary Santiago, Anne and Ed Stanek, Lydia Vernon-Jones.

REPORT FROM JULIO

Julio reports that the bank situation has still not been resolved, despite the fact that he did receive the \$150 (wired by Nancy), which the bank had required.

He did request the fees, which Kathy is sending as follows:

Monthly School Fees (6 mo x 25 students):	\$836
Julio's salary for 6 months:	\$462
Office expenses :	\$70
Water :	\$24
Tutoring:	\$300
Shorts:	\$125
 TOTAL:	 \$1817

PEACE CORPS CONTACT: Elysie Bernstein

Liz reported that Elyse has met with Julio, Ligia and Juan, as well as with the scholarship students. Everyone is excited about the idea of starting compost sites at the Community Center, and also, hopefully, at Juan's farm. Elyse will also organize the growing of a vegetable garden at the Community Center. She has offered to give us a monthly report on happenings, which we are happy to receive!

TAG SALE:

The following have agreed to be available for transport on Friday, September 10th from 4 pm (please correct me if I'm wrong!):

Liz Etheridge

Steve Fleiner

Nancy Milch

Chuck Milch (5 pm)

Walter Mullin

Carlos Santiago (after 6 pm)

Lyle Seger

Anne Stanek

Carol Wood

Lyle and Liz and Steve will bring their trucks (2 total). We may have the use of one more truck if the Mullin's can borrow one. We will probably have to unload at 7 am on Saturday morning and return to collect items as its unlikely that everything would fit into three trucks.

We will be picking up items from:

Camps, 16 Sycamore Meadow Rd, Sunderland: *Several pieces of furniture (not big).*

Audrey Child's at Pulpit Hill Rd, (Coop Housing #6) North Amherst: *Secretary Desk*

Jeannie Jones on Overlook Drive, Amherst: *Recliner, toy box, and other smaller items.*

Bolliers, Old Farm Rd., Amherst

Carol Wood's garage, 34 Hulst Rd., South Amherst: *Garage full*

Nancy and Mark Gilbert, Lincoln Ave, Amherst: *Sofa*

Stanek's garage: *Several larger pieces of furniture.*

First Church, Amherst: *Shelves, toy box, some other small furniture items.*

PREPARATION FOR SALE:

Anne will bring metal posts for the banner. She will also call the town to see if we could plug in a coffee pot.

Mary will bring the banner.

Carol Baker will bring stickers and markers for pricing and she will call the book sale person who organizes the Northampton Book Sale for Nicaragua a week after our tag sale.

Lydia will make posters for books, a color key for pricing and for CD/DVD table.

Nancy Milch will bring the table, folding chair and money box for cashier, and will bring coffee supplies if we can use electricity there.

Everyone who has tarps should bring them, but please write your name on your tarp!

It is suggested that we wear La Paz Centro shirts and/or hats if we have them, as well as aprons with pockets.

DAY OF SALE:

7 am: Carlos (until 11 am), Chuck, Lyle, Paul and Walter (until 8 am) will meet at the common to unload furniture, pick up tables, etc.

7:30 am: Carol Baker will head up the organization of pricing and separating items at the Common, with the help of:

Rhea (Jeannie Jones' friend – Jeannie will be away)

Nancy Gilbert

Nancy Milch

Kathy Mullin

Mary Santiago (until 11 am).

Anne Stanek

Carol Wood (until 2 pm)

Toby Bobbitt (?)

Liz Etheridge

Steve Fleiner

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 30th at 7:30 pm in the Lower Internal Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Stanek, Chair